IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JACOB LERNER, : CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:06-CV-2314

Plaintiff

: (Judge Conner)

v.

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CONGREGATION BETH-JOSEPH OF : MIFFLINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, INC., : Defendant :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 26th day of February, 2007, upon consideration of the stipulation executed by counsel for the parties (Doc. 7), indicating that the parties have agreed that the date for plaintiff to respond to defendant's motion to dismiss (Doc. 4) has been extended to March 20, 2007, and it appearing that the stipulation should be construed as an unopposed motion for an enlargement of time in which to file a brief in opposition to defendant's motion, see FED. R. CIV. P. 6(b); see also L.R. 7.6, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion (Doc. 7) is GRANTED as so construed. Plaintiff shall file a brief in opposition to defendant's motion to dismiss (Doc. 4) on or before March 20, 2007.

S/ Christopher C. Conner
CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER
United States District Judge

¹ Neither the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure nor the Local Rules grant parties independent authority to extend briefing or case management deadlines absent approval by the court. See FED. R. CIV. P. 6(b), 12(a), 16(b); see also L.R. 1.3, 7.5-7.7; cf. FED. R. CIV. P. 29 (stating that parties may generally modify discovery deadlines by stipulation but that court approval is required if a modification "would interfere with" case management deadlines).